

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1, after the title of the invention, insert the following heading.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION AND RELATED ART**

Page 1, after the paragraph ending at line 16, insert the following heading.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 28, with the following amended paragraph.

-A further object of the invention is a method for production of a nonwoven material, which consists in using a unit according to the invention and in adjusting the speed of the tower conveyor or of the tangential conveyor to a value greater than the linear speed of the drum (calculated on the circumference of the drum). This produces a nonwoven material whose ratio of the ~~breaking~~ tensile strength in the machine direction to that in the cross direction may be less than 1 due to the difference in speed. When the speeds are substantially the same, a ratio of less than 1.2 and of particularly approximately 1 of the ~~breaking~~ tensile strength in the machine direction to that in the cross direction of the nonwoven material according to the invention can be obtained such

that the nonwoven material according to the invention is particularly well isotropic.

Page 4, cancel the paragraph beginning at line 4 and ending at line 10, and insert the following.

#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

In the appended drawings, given as an example:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view, with parts broken away, of a unit according to the invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a drum, with parts broken away, in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view, similar to Fig. 2, of a modified drum in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 4 is a schematic view of a production unit or installation in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 5 is a schematic view of a modified production unit or installation in accordance with the invention;  
and

Fig. 6 is a schematic view of another modified production unit or installation in accordance with the invention.

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following.